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The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That is, I think, the usual notice."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the Government will consider favourably the question of waiver of such surcharge if such an application is made?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"When the time comes, the matter will receive the most careful consideration of the Government."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether Government do not consider that the issue of a preliminary notice by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts will not constitute action taken by the authorities?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not consider so, until the actual surcharge is made."

Surcharge on the Coimbatore Municipality for closure of the schools on the 5th January 1934 in commemoration of the visit of Mahatma Gandhi.

* 575 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Council of Coimbatore has been surcharged for having closed their schools on the 5th January 1934 on account of the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to their town during his Harijan tour; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 574.

Expulsion of Mr. Chathu of Kottayam from the Training School for alleged participation in the civil disobedience movement.

* 576 *Q.*—Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Chathu of Kottayam taluk, after being admitted as a student of the training class, was dismissed after a couple of months and after the payment of fees on the ground that he had taken part in the civil disobedience movement; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the District Educational Officer served a notice on the managers of aided elementary schools that nobody who had taken part in the civil disobedience movement should be allowed to act as teachers in their schools?

A.—(*a*) The District Educational Officer, Malabar, recently ordered the discharge from the Government Training School, Calicut, of a student named Padiyullath Chathu who had been admitted into the school in July on his discovering that he had been convicted in connexion with the civil disobedience movement in 1932.

(*b*) No such notices have been issued.

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether the applicant had any previous conviction or he made any false statement? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not think any such inquiry is being made in the case of every applicant. Everybody is presumed not to have disobeyed the law."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Have the fees of the candidate been refunded, Sir? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, even after return to the path of constitutionalism, why a taboo should be made against his admission? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Rules provide that permission of the Government should be obtained before admission. In this case no such permission was granted, nor any application to that effect was made to the Government."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether this student has been convicted of any act of violence or only of civil disobedience? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Civil disobedience, though it may be called non-violent may take a violent form. I cannot say exactly what he was convicted for."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will favourably consider his case if he applies for readmission? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" In previous cases, Government have allowed the admission of such candidates. But in this particular case, I am not aware of any application having been made. The matter will be considered if he applies."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether Government do not consider that this rule will be an archaic one at the time when the Hon. Minister for Education may be an ex-civil disobedience prisoner? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not think I will ever be so stupid as to become a civil disobedience prisoner. "

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" I am speaking of a future Minister for Education? "

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—" May I ask my hon. Friend whether he will take the application of this boy into sympathetic consideration if he does apply for admission into Government schools? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I have already stated what action Government have taken in some previous cases. That action should encourage the hope that Government will consider the application sympathetically."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that the Educational Officer has only discharged his duty in discharging this candidate according to the Government Order published by the Government?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I think so. I thank my hon. Friend for the suggestion."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the student made no representation on the order of expulsion?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"None, so far as I am aware of."

Proposal to increase the number of admissions into the Teachers' College.

*577 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for increasing the admission into the Teachers' College for the coming year;

(*b*) if so, what they are;

(*c*) whether any representations have been received for increasing the admission;

(*d*) if so, from whom, and what have been done with them; and

(*e*) what the numbers are that applied for admission and of those actually admitted in each year since 1930?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There are no proposals before Government. It is understood that a proposal to increase the number of admissions to the L.T. class from 180 to 200 is under the consideration of the department.

(*c*) & (*d*) It is reported that a representation has been received from Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed, M.L.C., a member of the Selection Committee of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, and it is under the consideration of the department.

(*e*) The following statement gives the information asked for:—

Year.	Number of applications received.	Number of candidates admitted.
1930–31	350	112
1931–32	650	129
1932–33	782	170
1933–34	559	180
1934–35	543	183
1935–36	519	185

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"In answer to clause (*e*) of the question it is found that a large number of applications for admission were received, but only a few of the applicants could be provided with seats and that ever since 1931–32 there were a lot of applications.